

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 1, 2018

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:50 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilwoman Crystal Hughes	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present

EMPLOYEES: Waste Water Operator Michael Galloway, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Amy Grove, Don Mason, and Doug Patrick

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 17, 2018

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

Council signed off on the April Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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Public Participation

Ms. Amy Grove addressed council, representing the Farmers Market. Several of the vendors would like to hold the market on the Square on Thursday's from 11:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M. beginning May 31st through the end of September. Ms. Grove stated on average there is no more than five vendors at a time.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to utilize the three parking meters in front of the Mayor's Office and set the tables up on the sidewalk.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to allow the Farmer's Market to set up on the sidewalk in front of the Mayor's Office on Thursday's from 11:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M. beginning May 31st through the end of September, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

The Motion carried.

It was noted we will need to put up no parking signs at the meters prior to their start time.

Mr. Don Mason addressed Council representing the Community of the Arts. They are proposing the Village place a Kiosk in front of the Visitor's Center to display information on community events and public notices. This board will be regulated by the Visitor's Bureau.

Mr. Doug Patrick was present and presented to Council a schematic drawing of the proposed Kiosk. Mr. Patrick was concerned over the removal of the stump and actual placement of the sign. It was noted the Village would be able to help with both of those concerns. Mr. Patrick stated he has an estimated cost of \$250.00 for the material; he will be building it himself.

It was asked if they were requesting the Village to pay for the materials. Mr Mason stated, if the funds were there to do so; otherwise, they will have to collect donations.

Councilman Robison questioned if the Village paid for it, who would maintain it? They suggested the Village would maintain it also.

Councilman Robison made a Motion for the Village to assist with the installation and pay for the Kiosk, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Village Administrator Thompson introduced the new Waste Water Operator, Michael Galloway. Everyone welcomed him here.

Mayor Finley stated if there was anything he or Council can do to help him or his family, to please let them know.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported April Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$415.00; Meters - \$2,149.53 for a total of \$2,564.53. Mayor Finley reported April Income Tax receipts as \$88,692.35. Mayor Finley reported April Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village -

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\$5,515.42; Morgan County Treasurer - \$57.00; Treasurer of State – \$1,345.58 for a total of \$6,918.00.

Mayor Finley stated he was in receipt of the following letters; in which, Council was sent copies: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Josh Mandel. If there are any questions, please get with the proper department head.

Mayor Finley reported he was in receipt of a letter from the Malta-McConnelsville Kiwanis to close the Square on June 9th from 12:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. to accommodate the annual Cruise-In. They have their liability insurance in place.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve closure of the Square, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley stated the vendors with the Farmer's Market would have to provide their Certificate of Liability Insurance to the Village also.

Ordinance 18-10

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 18-10, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF THE MCCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY FROM THE MCCONNELSVILLE CEMETERY COMPANY.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to pass Ordinance 18-10 on the third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Newton.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

Ordinance 18-10 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley requested the Fiscal Officer to prepare a letter for his signature, after the 30 days is up.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported we have some issues with our Worker's Comp Group Management that we are trying to work through. It is somewhat confusing and we really do not understand what happened. He is not sure which way we are going to go yet; we will probably stay with Comp Management this year, we have always had such good luck with them; not sure what is going to happen with next year. He explained that Ohio Municipal League changed just last week; and, no one was notified in advance, it was just kind of overnight.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he is addressing the letter from EPA. Council received copies of their letter.

Councilman Dille questioned what he found out about the slip on Kennebec by the Nursing Home.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated he is still waiting to hear back from the State.

Village Administrator Thompson stated if necessary, we could close the road on the one side and make one lane traffic.

Councilman Newton questioned when the round-a-bout work was going to begin.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he is having a meeting with the State and Gas Company on May 10, 2018; however, he did not know the actual start date for construction.

Councilman Robison questioned if the Village Administrator had previously announced that Main Street was going to be paved this year.

Village Administrator Thompson stated that was his understanding.

Mayor Finley noted the Police Department had a very successful drug bust in town. Mayor Finley stated the Police Department is working hard to keep our town and residents safe. He appreciates them very much. Mayor Finley stated K9 Atlas is continuing to do a great job.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille reported he has a few items he needs to get with the Village Administrator on. He noted he receives concerns on streets all the time.

Councilman Dille reported he received an e-mail questioning if we were putting in a splash pad.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Hughes reported they are having a meeting tomorrow evening at 6 P.M.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported the committee met last Tuesday. She apologized for missing the meeting; Councilman Bragg and Councilman Robison were present. They made an additional change on the vacant rate and they have the ordinance ready to present.

Councilman Robison stated a lot with no structure but still has a tap will continue to be charged monthly \$12.00 for water and \$12.00 for sewer. A lot with no structure and they have the tap removed, will not pay the monthly fee; however, they will have to pay for the tap to be removed and then again for it to be reinstalled if they ever wish to have water and sewer service there again.

Mayor Finley requested the committee to send a copy of the ordinance to everyone before the next meeting so it can be reviewed before the first reading.

Other Business

Village Administrator Thompson reported he has ordered the computers for the office; however, he still has two more to order yet.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adjourn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilwoman Crystal Hughes, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till May 15, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

John W. Finley
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnelsville concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.